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1. The troop unit stationed in the Flak Kaserne in Merseburg returned to the installation on 11 trains on 7 October. Suhl, Meiningen and Eisenach were reported as the dispatching stations. A total of 2,500 troops, 18 x 122 mm field howitzers, 23 x 100 AT guns, 3 x 76.2 mm AT guns, about 10 radio trucks and at least 135 motor vehicles were seen during the unloading.¹
2. About eight troop trains carrying tanks of all types, armored personnel carriers, artillery pieces and motor vehicles of the 21st Guards Mechanized Division were seen returning to Halle from the Lossa troop training grounds between 29 September and 6 October.
3. The following troop trains were observed between 8 and 10 October:

Date in October	No. of Trains
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8	2
	1
	1
9	5
8	1

From	To
Neustrelitz	Forst Zinna ²
Lieberose	Frankfurt/Oder ³
Lieberose	Fuerstenwalde ³
Neustrelitz	Doeberitz ²
Velten	Jueterbog ⁴

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<u>Date in</u> <u>October</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Trains</u>
10	3
	1
	2

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Rathenow	Goeschwitz ⁵
Jueterbog	Velten ⁴
Jueterbog	Doeberitz ²

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5. On 10 October, 22 IL-10's took off from Brandenburg-Arado airfield and headed in a northwesterly direction. Their return was not observed nor were any other aircraft observed on the field. Equipment was transported from the Pionier Kaserne to the Altstadt railroad station from where a train composed of 22 cars was dispatched at 3 P.M.⁶

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Comments:

- Units of the 76th AT Brigade returned to their quarters. The bulk of the brigade was stationed at the Kindel training grounds during the summer months. The shipments from Suhl and Meiningen tend to indicate that the final exercises of this unit were held in the vicinity of these towns.
- These trains are believed to have carried units of the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade which, after engaging in a two-day firing exercise in the Jueterbog area, returned to Doeberitz.
- The return movement of tank units of the 7th Guards Mechanized Division.
- A unit of the 90th Rocket Regiment presumably transferred to Jueterbog for a two-day firing practice.
- Goeschwitz railroad station is located south of Jena. The trains probably carried elements of the IV Artillery Corps. This movement and the transfer of fighter regiments from Brand and Grossenhain to Erfurt-Bindersleben tend to indicate that a combined ground and air exercise was started in the Jena-Weimar area after 10 October. No definite information has as yet been received as to the identity of the units participating in the exercise. However, since units of the IXXX Guards Rifle Corps had once again left their garrisons in Halle and Merseburg, it may be concluded that these are the units involved.

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6. No information has been received from other sources indicating the transfer of the ground attack regiment from Brandenburg-Arado. The destination of the shipment has not yet been determined.

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